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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (LOUET) WITH WHOM WE
HAVE BEEN DEALING RE UPCOMING VISIT BY US TEAM HAS
INFORMED US HE HAS JUST LEARNED THAT PTT REPS CONCERNED
(DUPLAN AND BINET) WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE EITHER
FEB. 13 OR 14. LOUET ASKED WHETHER WOULD BE POSSIBLE
TO MOVE MEETING FORWARD TO FEB. 10 OR 11, WHEN PTT
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REPS WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND. WE INFORMED LOUET

THAT TEAM HAD TIGHT SCHEDULING INVOLVING VISITS TO MANY CAPITALS AND PARIS WAS TO BE THEIR LAST STOP, BUT WE WOULD PUT QUESTION TO THE DEPT. PROMPTLY. WE ASKED IN TURN WHETHER GOF WAS PREPARED MEET FEB. 13 EVEN IF PTT OFFICIALS CONCERNED COULD NOT ATTEND SHOULD US TEAM'S SCHEDULE NOW NOT PERMIT ANY MODIFICATION. LOUET SAID THAT THIS WAS ALWAYS POSSIBLE AND DOUBTLESS PTT WOULD STILL BE REPRESENTED THOUGH NOT WITH PERSONS BEST INFORMED ON THE QUESTION. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MUCH PREFERABLE ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE MEETING SO THAT DUPLAN AND BINET COULD ATTEND, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF KEY TECHNICAL ROLE OF PTT WITHIN GOF ON MARSAT MATTERS. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER POSSIBLE FOR TEAM TO MODIFY ITINERARY TO PERMIT TALKS IN PARIS FEB. 10 OR 11. (WE NOTE THAT THESE ARE SAME PREFERRED DATES ITALIANS HAVE PROPOSED AS REPORTED ROME 923.)

2. LOUET SAID THAT OTHER GOF REPS WHO WOULD MEET WITH US TEAM WERE DE NAZELLE AND/OR ESTABLIE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY (ESTABLIE WILL HEAD GOF DEL TO LONDON MEETING) AND GUERIN OF SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE MERCHANT MARINE. CNES WOULD ALSO BE REPRESENTED BUT ITS REPS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DESIGNATED.

3. LOUET PROPOSED THAT REGARDLESS OF DATE FINALLY AGREED UPON MEETING BE HELD AT FOREIGN MINISTRY BEGINNING AT 10 AM. HE THOUGHT MORNING WOULD SUFFICE FOR DISCUSSIONS. (IN THAT CASE, WE WOULD SUGGEST TEAM MEET WITH INTERESTED EMBOFFS AT 9 AM AT EMBASSY.)

4. RE STATE 10136 NOTAL, THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY WE FEEL WOULD BE SERIOUS ERROR NOT TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH ESRO REPS. FIRST, ESRO REPS ARE ALREADY AWARE OF PLANNED VISIT BY US TEAM AS RESULT EARLIER TALKS WITH O'NEILL, AND SO MAY BE NEEDLESSLY MIFFED IF TEAM NOW IGNORES THEM. SECOND, ESRO IS ENGAGED IN PRELIMINARY AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH COMSAT ON INTERFERENCE PROBLEMS BETWEEN MARISAT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MAROTS. AND LASTLY, ESRO, THOUGH IT WILL HAVE ONLY OBSERVER STATUS AT LONDON TALKS, IS IN POSITION TO INFLUENCE MEMBER STATE ATTITUDES. SINCE MEETING SCHEDULE AS SUGGESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LEAVE TIME AVAILABLE IN AFTERNOON, EMBASSY REITERATES SUGGESTION FOR INFORMAL MEETING WITH ESRO REPS, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE AT THE EMBASSY.

5. RE STATE 13143, WE WOULD PREFER THAT AS MANY AS
THREE INTERESTED EMBOFFS (TRC, SCI AND NASA) SIT
IN ON TEAM'S MEETINGS WITH GOF IF NO OBJECTION
PERCEIVED.
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